

5 YEARS BEFORE THE U-2 CRASHED OVER RUSSIA—

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NEW YORK—When President Eisenhower approved start of the U-2 flights over Russia in 1955, says an article in "Look" magazine, he had this to say about them:

"If one of these planes is shot down, I'm going to catch hell. The world would be in a mess."

Mr. Eisenhower's remarks were made five years before the U-2 plane piloted by Francis Gary Powers crashed in the Soviet Union. Mr. Eisenhower's advisers were reported to have told him—incorrectly, it turned out—that the Soviets would not make any disclosures because they would not want to "run the risk of being humiliated by the revelation that their skies had been invaded repeatedly."